1	House Resolution 37
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3	(By Delegates Brown, Fleischauer, Longstreth,
4	C. Miller, Moore, Poore and Sobonya)
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7	Designating March 8, 2011, as "International Women's Day".
8	Whereas, 2011 marks the $100^{\rm th}$ anniversary of International
9	Women's Day; and
10	WHEREAS, The theme for this year is "Equal access to education,
11	training and science and technology: Pathway to decent work for
12	women"; and
13	WHEREAS, The purpose of observing International Women's Day is
14	1) to recognize that securing peace and social progress and the
15	full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms requires
16	the active participation, equality and development of women; and 2)
17	to acknowledge the contribution of women to the strengthening of
18	international peace and security; and
19	WHEREAS, For the women of the world the Day's symbolism is an
20	occasion to review how far they have come in their struggle for
21	equality, peace and development; and
22	WHEREAS, This is also an opportunity to unite, network and
23	mobilize for meaningful change; and
24	WHEREAS, In too many countries and societies, women remain
25	second-class citizens; and

- 1 WHEREAS, In the words of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon,
- 2 "Where women are educated and empowered, economies are more
- 3 productive and strong. Where women are fully represented,
- 4 societies are more peaceful and stable."; and
- 5 WHEREAS, According to Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of
- 6 UN Women and former President of Chile, "Women's strength, women's
- 7 industry, women's wisdom are humankind's greatest untapped
- 8 resources. The Challenge is to show how this resource can be
- 9 effectively tapped in ways that benefit us all."; and
- 10 WHEREAS, This challenge exists in West Virginia as it does
- 11 throughout the country and the world; therefore, be it
- 12 Resolved by the House of Delegates:
- 13 That the House of Delegates hereby designates March 8, 2011,
- 14 as "International Women's Day"; and, be it
- 15 Further Resolved, That the House of Delegates acknowledges the
- 16 many important contributions women make to the state of West
- 17 Virginia and across the world.